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70/228. Organization of the 2016 high-level meeting on HIV/AIDS

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its commitment to the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS[1] and the Political Declarations on HIV/AIDS adopted at the high-level meetings of the General Assembly in 2006[2] and 2011,[3]

Recalling the HIV/AIDS-related goals and commitments contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[4] in the 2005 World Summit Outcome,[5] and in the outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals,[6]

Welcoming the achievement of the HIV/AIDS-related targets of Millennium Development Goal 6,[7] as well as the achievement of some of the time-bound goals set out in the 2011 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS,[3] while noting with concern that progress has been uneven among and within countries, that gains are fragile and reversible without a sustained commitment and action and that these time-bound goals will expire by the end of 2015,

Recognizing that AIDS remains an urgent global health and development challenge, and recognizing also the need to address persistent challenges and gaps in the fight against HIV/AIDS,

Welcoming the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development[8] and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development,[9] including the commitment to ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030,

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[1] Resolution S-26/2, annex.
[2] Resolution 60/262, annex.
[3] Resolution 65/277, annex.
[4] Resolution 55/2.
[5] Resolution 60/1.
[6] Resolution 65/1.
[7] Target 6.A: Have halted by 2015 and begun to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS.
[8] Resolution 70/1.
[9] Resolution 69/313, annex.

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and emphasizing its interlinkages with the other goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda,

Encouraging all relevant United Nations entities to actively contribute to the proceedings of the high-level meeting on HIV/AIDS, and taking note of Human Rights Council resolution 30/8 of 1 October 2015 on the contribution of the Council to the high-level meeting on HIV/AIDS in 2016,[10]

Recalling its decision 68/555 of 30 June 2014 to convene a high-level meeting on HIV/AIDS in 2016 and to determine the modalities and organizational arrangements for such a meeting by December 2015,

1. *Decides* to convene a high-level meeting from 8 to 10 June 2016, which will undertake a comprehensive review of the progress achieved in realizing the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS[1] and the Political Declarations on HIV/AIDS of 2006,[2] and 2011,[3] including successes, best practices, lessons learned, obstacles and gaps, challenges and opportunities, including with regard to partnership and cooperation, and recommendations to guide and monitor the HIV/AIDS response beyond 2015, including concrete strategies for action to end the AIDS epidemic by 2030 as well as to promote the continued commitment and engagement of leaders to accelerate a comprehensive universal and integrated response to HIV/AIDS;

2. *Also decides* that the organizational arrangements for the high-level meeting should be as follows:

(*a*) The high-level meeting will comprise plenary meetings and up to five thematic panel discussions;

(*b*) The opening plenary meeting will feature statements by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, a person openly living with HIV and an eminent person actively engaged in the response to HIV/AIDS;

(*c*) The chairs of the panel discussions will present summaries of the discussions to the General Assembly at its closing plenary meeting;

3. *Invites* Member and observer States and observers to be represented at the highest level at the high-level meeting;

4. *Encourages* Member States to include in their national delegations to the high-level meeting representatives such as parliamentarians, mayors of cities significantly affected by HIV/AIDS, representatives of civil society, including non-governmental organizations and organizations and networks representing people living with HIV, women, adolescents and young persons, orphans, migrants, community organizations and faith-based organizations and the private sector

5. *Invites* the United Nations system, including programmes, funds, specialized agencies and regional commissions, the Special Envoys of the Secretary-General on HIV/AIDS and the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General to Stop Tuberculosis, as well as the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, to participate in the high-level meeting, as appropriate, and urges them to consider initiatives in support of the preparatory process and the meeting;

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[10] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventieth Session, Supplement No. 53A* (A/70/53/Add.1), sect. II.

6. *Encourages* other stakeholders, including the international innovative health tools and drug purchase facility, UNITAID, and the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health, to contribute, as appropriate, to the high-level meeting;

7. *Invites* the Inter-Parliamentary Union to contribute to the high-level meeting;

8. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to organize, no later than April 2016, and preside over an informal interactive civil society hearing, with the active participation of people living with HIV and broader civil society, attended by representatives of Member and observer States and observers, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, invited civil society organizations and the private sector, as part of the preparatory process for the high-level meeting, and further requests the President to prepare a summary of the hearing, to be issued as a document of the Assembly prior to the high-level meeting;

9. *Encourages* Member States to actively participate in the informal interactive hearing at the ambassadorial level in order to facilitate interaction between Member States and representatives of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and the private sector;

10. *Invites* intergovernmental organizations and entities that have observer status with the General Assembly, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and non-governmental members of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS to participate in the high-level meeting, as appropriate;

11. *Decides* that representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, civil society organizations and the private sector – one from each grouping – to be selected during the informal interactive hearing, may also be included in the list of speakers for the plenary meetings of the high-level meeting, in consultation with the President of the General Assembly;

12. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of representatives of other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector who may participate in the high-level meeting, including its panel discussions, taking into account the principles of transparency and of equitable geographic representation, to submit the proposed list to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis and to bring the list to the attention of the Assembly;[11]

13. *Decides* that the arrangements outlined in paragraph 12 above shall not be considered a precedent for other similar events;

14. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, with support from the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS and in consultation with Member States, to finalize the organizational arrangements for the high-level meeting no later than 15 April 2016, including the identification of a person openly living with HIV and an eminent person actively engaged in the response to HIV/AIDS to speak at the opening plenary meeting; the identification of themes and finalization of the

[11] The list will include proposed as well as final names.

panel discussions; and the arrangements for the informal interactive hearing with civil society and the private sector;

15. *Requests* the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS to continue to facilitate, to the extent possible, inclusive consultations at the country and regional levels, with the participation of relevant stakeholders, including Governments, non-governmental organizations, civil society and the private sector, to review the progress made towards the achievement of the time-bound goals set out in the 2011 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS to be met by 2015, as well as opportunities to address gaps, obstacles and challenges;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive and analytical report, at least six weeks prior to its consideration by the General Assembly, on progress achieved and challenges remaining in realizing the commitments set out in the Declaration of Commitment and the Political Declarations on HIV/AIDS, as well as recommendations for sustainable ways to overcome these challenges, taking into consideration the outcomes and findings of the aforementioned progress review consultations, as available;

17. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to hold timely, open, transparent and inclusive consultations with all Member States, giving due consideration to the report of the Secretary-General and other inputs to the preparatory process for the high-level meeting, with a view to adopting a concise and action-oriented declaration as an outcome of the high-level meeting, to be agreed upon by Member States, which reaffirms and builds on the Declaration of Commitment and the Political Declarations to guide and monitor the HIV/AIDS response beyond 2015, towards achieving the commitment of ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030.

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